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Application of: David M. Sutton et al.      Art Unit: 1621  
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      MONO-, DI- OR POLYCARBOXYLIC ACIDS  
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP 609, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicants submit the attached PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and to be made of record therein.

Applicants have included English abstracts of each foreign language reference. East Germany Patent No. DD206373 relates to the purification of lactic acid by esterification with lower aliphatic alcohols in the presence of an acidic catalyst under reduced pressure.

Applicants submit herewith copies of the foreign patent documents and literature references.

Respectfully submitted,

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